

## Public Hearing public comments 3/5/25

Michael K. Neely 02:10 PM

Good afternoon. In reading the filings and the media releases, there's a dueling narrative that I find confusing. On one hand, OHSU has communicated repeatedly that Legacy Health's financial situation is so dire this is required to keep healthcare in Oregon. Legacy Health has indicated financial strain but has not supported the narrative that finances are dire. So my question is who is representing Legacy's position more honestly?

LJK 02:13 PM

1. I am Larry Kirsch and an economist in Portland. I am unaffiliated. I've spent many years focusing on consumer protection in the healthcare sector and have worked extensively in regulatory proceedings not dissimilar to this one.
2. Having reviewed the file, my conclusion is the Review Panel does not have the raw materials needed to make a critical analysis of costs and cannot make credible recommendations to OHA as contemplated in the statute.
3. The Applicants claim that synergies and efficiencies will keep costs down. They fail to consider the effect of added bargaining leverage on insurance premiums. Without access to the basic assumptions, data, and analysis, and the ability to ask follow-up questions, those assertions are highly questionable. I've seen the same narrative time and again only to see results that veer completely off course.
4. I would respectfully ask whether the Parties are willing to fully un-redact all the exhibits including Q 15-Exh 3 and Q7 Exh 4 &5 relating to costs and cost estima

Michael K. Neely 02:18 PM

Also, and thank you for allowing multiple questions, why doesn't Legacy create a strategic partnership with OHSU and rent/lease their excess capacity to OHSU and give OHSU use rights? Both systems stay separate but maximize use of capacity and allow each organization to focus on remaining as lean as possible to avoid the

risk of increasing costs/decreasing variety through such a massive enterprise combination?

Stefannie E (she/her) 02:21 PM

What is OHSU plans for cost containment and redundancy in regards to staff layoffs? Will OHSU commit to pay parity for non-union hospitals?

Leah (bau OR) she/her 02:39 PM

The responses are obviously written out - will these responses be available to view later somewhere?

daniel sumpter 02:39 PM

i have a few questions, first i would like to know who is getting the money? is any money going to any insurance companies? is ohsu going to truly take over controle of legacey , is the upper managment of legacey going to be replaced and are the

daniel sumpter 02:41 PM

the contract drs going to be replaced with emploee drs? is this is not going to happen then legacey will contineu to be run in the manner that got them into the position they are in now and this would be a pore loan at best putting tax payers on the hook

daniel sumpter 02:45 PM

legacey health is overwhelmed with med mal cases,are the tax payers going to be paying thoese settlements?

Stefannie E (she/her) 02:45 PM

If all ER's are boarding patients in both systems, how is transferring from one hospital to another reducing those wait times? Where are these "empty rooms" coming from if they do not exist today?

Robyn Martin 02:49 PM

Legacy ER's are consistently boarding patients, if transferring to other open beds was the solution why haven't we been doing that already? How would these transfers impact AMR when they're already struggling to meet 911 calls? What is the plan for expanding in patient beds?

howardcohen 02:49 PM

The metrics are nice. What are the specific aims (e.g SMART aims) and will remediation plans also be public if aims are not met?

daniel sumpter 02:50 PM

OHSU is a hospital that is run very well and treats patients in the best way every, this would be part of the reason that they out number patients vrs legacy is legacy going to be run like ohsu?

Christie Mikrut 02:59 PM

If all the hospitals are boarding patients in the EDs and Legacy already attempts to level load within the system how will this merger change the amount of available beds?

Leslie Foren (she/her) 03:11 PM

If time permits, I would like the group to elaborate on the comment that former president Danny Jacobs and interim president have engaged with community when developing the plan. How and what can they share of what was shared with these engagements. What were the key findings or priorities from these conversations?

Daysi Bedolla Sotelo, She/Ella, OHEA 03:19 PM

Were those sessions available in multiple languages?

howardcohen 03:28 PM

Is Medicaid reimbursement the same at both Children's Hospitals? (It was mentioned that Legacy would look to the State to increase its Medicaid reimbursement if the transaction did not go through.)

Paul Krissel 03:30 PM

If the merger is approved, Dr. Muller referred to the Foundation that would be set up, and said it would be taking feedback from the work of The Giving Project". One area of feedback is governance and board

Jennifer O'Connor 03:31 PM

Do the financials of this acquisition take into account that the Federal Government most likely won't be providing as much funding for research and possibly Medicaid.

How could a loss of Federal money affect this acquisition?

daniel sumpter 03:37 PM

daniel sumpter , parent of former patient

daniel sumpter 03:50 PM

plaintiff in a 28.9 million med mal case against legacy , my son spent 79 days at emanuel and then ohsu, i think my insight about treatment between the two would be important, i believe we have enough input on the monkey research, i don't have dr. in front of my name....but i am part of the public

daniel sumpter 03:58 PM

obviously the public will not be allowed to comment, this has become a joke

daniel sumpter 03:59 PM

i will see you all at the in person public hearing along with my attorney

Meg Niemi 03:59 PM

How many people are in line to speak? Time should be expanded and include other topics that relate to healthcare.

Joni O'Donahue (Legacy Health) 04:00 PM

I support the closure of the primate center, but I do not think this will impact the decision of OHA to approve or place conditions of the OHSU-Legacy merger. Somewhat frustrating not to hear any other point of view.

Robyn Martin 04:05 PM

People not affiliated with PETA were not able to share.